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PRODUCTION OF SOYABEAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been huge production of soyabean in Maharashtra during the year 1999 and 2000;

(b) if so, whether the soyabean growing farmers received the reasonable price for better yield;

(c) whether the national Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.(NAFED) has formulated any scheme for the procurement of soyabean; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir. The production of Soyabean in Maharashtra State during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is as under :-

Year	Production (`000 tonnes
1998-99	1471.9
1999-2000	1620.0

(b) Due to prevailing depressed market prices of oilseeds, the Central Govt. instructed the NAFED to carryout purchase operation of Soyabean on the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) announced by the GOI during the year 1999-2000The quantity of soyabean procured by NAFED under price support scheme in the State of Maharashtra during 1999-2000 is as under:-

Centre	Soyabean (Quantity in MTs)
Mumbai	61615
Nasik	1192

(c) & (d) The GOI has been announcing the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of Oilseeds including Soyabean every year well before the sowing season of oilseed crops and NAFED is the Central Nodal Agency to carryout the purchase operation on the Minimum Support Prices in case the market prices of Oilseeds including Soyabean fall below the Minimum Support Prices.